

ful appearance on the water.

POINTS IN PEKIN DUCKS.	
Symmetry, - - - - -	10
Size and Weight, - - - - -	30
Condition, - - - - -	10
Head, - - - - -	5
Bill, - - - - -	5
Neck, - - - - -	5
Back, - - - - -	7
Breast and Body, - - - - -	15
Wings, - - - - -	5
Tail, - - - - -	5
Legs, - - - - -	13
	100

Odds and Ends.

Editor Poultry Review,

DEAR SIR:—

The present prosperous condition of the REVIEW must be observed with pleasure by all the readers of it. The last report augurs well for the future, and it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when you will have to announce that as the REVIEW is now found to be too small to meet the requirements of its supporters, it is to be permanently enlarged, not only four pages, but many, and charged for accordingly. But if these anticipations are ever to be realized fanciers must not permit the present prosperity to lull them into inactivity, for there is no reason why the present prosperity shall not be made still more prosperous, till it can be said that the REVIEW is not only the best journal of its kind in Canada, but on the continent. Fanciers! the REVIEW is your child, and it will be just what you make it; and it will make you about what you make it. A policy of exclusiveness, followed out in connection with any industry or interest, has invariably dwarfed it, and not unfrequently extinguished it altogether.

The events of the past few months show plainly that the fanciers of Canada possess the requisites to success, namely, energy and intelligence, not to say anything about that important attribute, charity.

Canadian products have taken a high standing during the last few years, even among the nations, and why shall this source of wealth be neglected? But it may be urged that this, like manufacturing, may be overdone. I think this will not apply in this case, for as soon as a surplus is produced it will find a natural channel of outlet, which we see is just commencing to flow towards that all-consuming sea, Great Britain.

But is the fancier such a producer? No, not directly; but indirectly, yes. No doubt his object

is simply to improve the various breeds; and in doing so performs an important part. The active, practical man has not time for this, and the two works are distinct from each other.

The REVIEW may be considered the farmers' club or grange, organized with a view to mutual improvement, by giving and receiving instruction; and its superiority over the club system, especially for fanciers, who are so widely scattered, is apparent. In clubs subjects are usually discussed and questions asked and answered orally, which does not necessitate the same amount of previous thought and research as the writing system. Again, the combined knowledge of all the progressive men engaged in the work is drawn together to one common centre and again sent out to all, who have an opportunity to criticize or correct; thus the whole fraternity becomes one vast club. It may be a slower method, but all slow methods are likely to be more perfect ones on that account, if, indeed, getting one thing at a time, and that well, may be called slower. No man can be said to possess an idea until it is systematically arranged, and when so he must be able to express it, either in spoken or written language. Now the most experienced man will have mere notions of improvements, the natural fruit of experience, and the methodical arrangement necessary to enable him to communicate these thoughts to others puts him in full possession of them himself. Therefore it may be safely assumed that he who imparts information to others in this way is fully rewarded in the performance of the act. On the other hand, the exercise fits a man to receive information from others; no man is as teachable as he who is earnestly engaged in teaching. I do not mean the man who is engaged in imparting information only, but he who is busy leading the mind out to compare, to arrange and observe for itself; to do so the mind is kept active and alive and thus better prepared to receive. It was not the least blessing bestowed upon mankind that the more he thinks the better able is he to think.

Our cousins across the great lakes know the value of printer's ink, and to this may be attributed not a little of their success. Most of the great breeders of the United States are constant and honest supporters of one or more journals, and among them are men who would be justifiable in deciding that in giving their experience they had everything to give and nothing to receive, if any man could be just in thus deciding. Now, although fresh correspondents are coming in month after month, that is no reason why the old ones should conclude that there is no room for them. It is practical knowledge which is wanted, and who possesses this to the same extent as the experienced breeder. It is all very well for beginners to keep their hand